Please amend the Abstract as follows:

On page 14, line 2, please delete "fire arm" and insert therefor --firearm--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A firearm monitoring device <u>for attaching to a firearm</u>, <u>said firearm</u> having a firing end and a grip end, and said firearm being susceptible to recoil when discharged, comprising:



- a) first means for creating a first signal in response to substantially each recoil of said firearm; and
- b) second means for receiving each said first signal and generating a second signal indicative of the number of said first electrical signals received by said second means;

wherein said first means comprise an inertia switch comprising a movable mass; and wherein said mass is resiliently biased toward the firing end of the firearm.

Please rewrite claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) The device of claim 1 [4 wherein said inertia switch includes a movable mass], the movement of said mass being generally confined to movement along a straight line.



Please rewrite claim 10 as follows:

(Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said second means [includes] include means for maintaining a total count of the number of said first signals received from said first means.

Please rewrite claim 12 as follows:

(Amended) A firearm in combination with a monitoring device, said firearm having a firing end and a grip end, and said firearm being susceptible to recoil when discharged, said monitoring device comprising:

5

- a) first means for creating a first signal in response to substantially each recoil of said firearm; and
- b) second means for receiving each said first signal and generating a second signal indicative of the number of said first electrical signals received by said second means;

wherein said first means comprise an inertia switch comprising a movable mass; and wherein said mass is resiliently biased toward the firing end of the firearm.

Please rewrite claim 14 as follows:

15/

10

(Amended) The combination of claim [13] 22 wherein said firearm includes a bore through which a round of ammunition is discharged, [said inertia switch includes a movable

mass,] and the movement of said mass being generally confined to movement along a straight line[, said straight line being] generally parallel to said bore.

Please rewrite claim 16 as follows:

17 16. (Amended) The combination of claim [16] 18 wherein said second means include means for changing said predetermined number.

Please rewrite claim 17 as follows:

18 14. (Amended) The combination of claim 12 wherein said second means [includes] include means for maintaining a total count of the number of said first signals received from said first means.

Please cancel claim 4, without prejudice.

Please cancel claim 7, without prejudice.

Please cancel claim 13, without prejudice.

5

10

15

Please add the following claims:

- 12 19. The device of claim 1 wherein the movable mass is detached and free-floating.
- 21 20. The device of claim 12 wherein the movable mass is detached and free-floating.
- 13 21. The device of claim 1, wherein the inertia switch comprises a substantially cylindrical housing and a spring.
- H 22. The device of claim 2, wherein said display is positioned such that it is visible to a user of the firearm while firing in a direction away from the user.
- The device of claim 11 wherein said second means further comprise a communication port, wherein information may be stored in and accessed from the microcontroller via the communication port.
- 20 24. The combination of claim 18 wherein said second means further comprise a communication port, wherein information may be stored in and accessed from the microcontroller via the communication port.

5

15